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## THE CANDIDATES.

The TRANSCRIPT promised to give its readers sketches of the Republican nominees for Governor and Representative in Congress, and below will be found brief accounts of the nominees of both the Georgetown and Dover Conventions. The TRANSCRIPT would not call in question the Republicanism of any of the candidates and hopes that Republicans in the State may be so loyal and patriotic that there shall be not one ticket in the field before November 3d.

There is no doubt around the TRANSCRIPT office as to the candidates entitled to its support, and the question is settled without consideration of the fitness of the nominees for their all have qualities that under certain circumstances would merit for them the vote of any Republican, but the Dover Convention rests upon the fortunes of one man and that man has proven himself a traitor to his party. Mr. Addicks represents no principle, the Republican Party does. Mr. Addicks was thrown out of the National Convention because of his course in the duPont case before the U. S. Senate as not being a Republican, and Delaware Republicans should drop him.

But a partisan reason for supporting Higgins and Houston is found in the fact that they are the only candidates who can be elected under the circumstances. New Castle county cast 38 per cent. of the Republican vote in the State at the last election. Those best posted say that the Addicks Party, so called by Mr. Addicks at Dover on May 12th, cannot poll more than 12 per cent. of this vote if he can do that. This defeats his ticket. It is not because the candidates are the men they are, but because the Republicans of New Castle county feel that they want nothing of Mr. Addicks. This feeling is not confined to the leaders but the rank and file of the party are of the same opinion. The party situation invites the most careful thought of Republicans without reference to present or past parties and then it should have patriotic party action. By united effort Republicans can succeed. No Republican should be put up to be defeated. Most especially should not a man like John C. Higgins be sacrificed, then whom no man in the State has a greater number of admiring friends and no man merits more. Liberal but never radical in his views, thoroughly posted as to the needed reforms in the State, knowing the leading citizens in every community as well as any man within the State, and especially the farmers whose voices have been heard too little in governmental affairs, genial and thoughtful and always the most perfect gentleman, an ideal governor would be

JOHN C. HIGGINS.  
John Clark Higgins, the Republican gubernatorial nominee, was born August 13th, 1838. He was named after John Clark, his maternal grandfather, who was Governor of Delaware from 1817 until 1820, and after John Higgins, his uncle. Both these men bore the title of colonel, and Mr. Higgins' father used to call his two colonels and governors. Mr. Higgins was graduated from Delaware College in 1856, and afterwards taught school for several years in the Franklin School in St. George's hundred. In 1859 he married Elizabeth Reynolds, a daughter of William. About this time he began farming on the place where he now lives. About the year 1870 he was engaged for one or two years in the manufacture of stamped tinware at Delaware City and gave up that business when he was concerned in organizing and establishing in Wilmington, the Vulcanized Fibre Co., of which he was one of the three original promoters. Afterwards he terminated his active connection and returned to his farm where he has since lived.

Shortly after this he became connected with the Grange, and there being a local body at Port Penn, which he joined, looking upon it as a useful farmers club, and an institution of local interest and usefulness. But this led to a much wider place for Mr. Higgins in that organization. He was early elected the State Lecturer and developed the position from a merely perfunctory one into one of large activity and usefulness. This in time led to his election to the office of master of the State Grange, a position which he held for four years. As master he was ex-officio member of the national body and took a leading position therein in the councils and interests of the order in their widely extended relations over the country. From this position he resigned two years ago.

He was in the State Legislature in 1891. He is now connected with the Presbyterian Church at Delaware City, director of the bank at the same place and a trustee of Delaware College.

SKETCH OF MR. HOFFECKER.  
John H. Hoffecker, the oldest son of Joseph and Rachel Hoffecker, was born September 19, 1827, on the farm which he now owns, one and a half miles from Smyrna, and obtained his education in the schools of that town. At his father's death he succeeded to the ownership of a large farm, which he cultivated from 1851 to 1868, when he moved to Smyrna and embarked in the business of canning fruit with his brother Joseph as partner. The partnership was dissolved in 1877 and the business has since been conducted by Mr. Hoffecker, who has greatly enlarged the establishment and increased the facilities for canning. In 1883 he added extensive evaporators and fifty-horse power engine to his factory. He still continues to manage his farm of 225 acres which is mostly planted in rut trees. During many years of his life he has done a great deal of surveying in his neighborhood.

Mr. Hoffecker was one of the originators of the Fruit Growers' National Bank of Smyrna and has been a member of the board of directors since its organization in 1876. He is a director of the Kent Mutual Insurance Company, President of the Smyrna Building and Loan Association since 1875, a member of the Board of Town Commissioners since 1873 and president several years, a school director since 1882 and chairman of the building committee that erected the handsome school building in 1883. He has been a member of the board of directors of the Philadelphia & Smyrna Transportation Line since its origin and was greatly instrumental in securing the erection of the water works for the town of Smyrna.

Mr. Hoffecker in politics was a Whig from 1849 to the formation of the Republican party and in 1856 was one of the 300 persons who voted for John C. Fremont, the first candidate of the Republican party for President. In 1876 he was a delegate to the National Republican Convention at Cincinnati, when Rutherford B. Hayes was nominated for the Presidency and in 1884 was a delegate to the convention at Chicago which nominated James G. Blaine for the same office.

The important position he has held has given him prominence and influence, not only in Smyrna and his native county, but in the entire State of Delaware.

In 1889 Mr. Hoffecker was elected a member of the General Assembly, and was made Speaker of the House. He has been a candidate several times before for office but being in a Democratic county has been defeated with his party. Mr. Hoffecker towards the close of the session gave the casting vote in favor of the Addicks gas charter, the Bay State Gas Company, under which he now operates, and which Wharton Barker of Philadelphia said at the time was worth \$100,000 in the commercial markets. In consideration of that vote it would be strange if Mr. Addicks should not have had a kindly feeling for the legislators who granted his charter but it is said that he used every endeavor possible to get the consent of Mr. Harry A. Richardson to become his gubernatorial candidate before he turned to Mr. Hoffecker.

SKETCH OF MR. HOUSTON.  
Robert G. Houston, the nominee of the Republican Party for Congress is the only surviving son of Dr. David H. Houston and Comfort T. Houston, and was born at Milton, Sussex county, on October 13th, 1867, being now 29 years of age. In July following his birth his parents removed to Lewes. He attended the public school at that place when of proper age. His mother and only brother having in the meantime died, his father and self removed to the farm near Lewes, where they continued to reside until after the son's admission to the Bar in 1888. He was elected captain of Co. G in Georgetown in 1890 and continued in command until the company was mustered out. He was appointed Asst. Adj't General by the late Gov. Marvil. Mr. Houston has never held office with the exception of being Attorney for the Trustees of the Poor of Sussex county while the Republicans were in control of county affairs. He was nominated as a candidate for the lower branch of the Legislature in 1892, but the ticket was defeated. In 1888 he married Margaret, daughter of H. H. White, near Drawbridge. Three children blessed the union—John, Mary and Elizabeth.

SKETCH OF MR. WILLIS.  
Congressman Jonathan S. Willis was born at Oxford, Md., in 1830, but while young his father, who was a farmer, moved to Delaware. Mr. Willis when a young man taught school. When 24 years of age, in 1854, he was admitted as a minister to the Methodist Episcopal Church, Philadelphia Conference. During his ministerial life he had charge of the church at Reading, Pa.; Centerville, Md.; Camden, Del.; Dover, Frederica and Odessa. During the war he was first in charge of the Tabernacle and the Spring Garden Street Churches, Philadelphia. Subsequently he was pastor of the Seventeenth Street Church, New York, for three years. In 1880, on account of his wife's health, he gave up the ministry and went to live on his farm near Milford, where he now resides. For years Mr. Willis has taken an active part in Republican politics, and in 1892 he was nominated for Congressman, but was defeated by John W. Causey, Democrat. In 1894 he was nominated as a public speaker and his course in the present Congress.

AN EXPLANATION DESIRED.  
Man is said to be a creature of reason. Delaware Republicans should show themselves reasonable and should act under the dictates of reason. Republican newspapers should lead in this matter and by a plain statement of facts should aim at the truth. All are agreed that many important issues are involved in this campaign, and the way for Republicans to get together is to consider the truth and then act with reason.

The TRANSCRIPT has a query to submit to Mr. Addicks special organ, the "State Sentinel," for information. It is the substance, so said, of Mr. Addicks' speech before the members of the National Committee at St. Louis "I made Mr. Higgins Senator, and I defeated him."

It is not of the defeat that we inquire, that is understood, the how and why and whereof—but in what way did Mr. Addicks make Mr. Higgins Senator? The "Sentinel" has said that at the time of Mr. Higgins' election Mr. Addicks was not known to a dozen people down the State. Mr. Addicks' statement is a very strange one except with one explanation—that it is false. There may be another. If so, what is it? If the "Sentinel" will not explain perhaps the other papers which are occasionally favorable to the Addicks cause will do so. It does not matter as to the source of the explanation, so it is made—August 1st, 1896.

## CONSIDER THE FIGURES.

"We care nothing for Addicks," we want to win, and bode well," is the sum total of the argument of many Republicans when they are appealed to stand by the G. O. P. They will justify themselves in the use of money by saying that the Democrats have purchased votes for years and that the Democratic cry against Addicks is hypocritical. Suppose it is, Republicans must certainly have a case against the man who would defeat his party to gain his own personal and selfish ends, the man whose only claim was that he furnished the boulder, which he put only in the hands of his trusted lieutenants. These are causes sufficient for turning down Addicks, but consult the figures.

In 1894 the following vote was cast for Governors:

	MARVIL	TUNKELL
New Castle County	11,478	10,400
Kent County	5,728	3,849
Sussex County	4,971	4,140
Total	19,880	18,649

Reflected on these figures, Governor Marvil's majority in the State was 1,231. Kent county was Democratic by 88 majority, Sussex county was Republican by 231 majority. New Castle county was Republican by 1073 and without the use of money, put a pin there. By the decision of the Clerks of Peace the Republican Party with the Democratic Party will have the choice of the Voters' Assistants—we have not the Australian Ballot Law at hand but believe there are but two of those assistants. How can Mr. Addicks know that his money is being properly used? He may bribe even a few officers, of either or both parties, but what advantage is there in an increased scattering vote? Republicans are opposed to the bribery that has made the State notorious. The Voters' Assistants appointed by Republicans will lead Mr. Addicks no aid nor comfort. Where then is the hope of the men who rely on Mr. Addicks' money? Of course the fellows who work on per centage care less for results, but the Republicans who hope to see his party win by this means is doomed to disappointment.

In the primary election on May 9th the Addicks workers where they did not use money used the potent argument that at the election Mr. Addicks would pay bountiful sums for votes. The argument was effective but it now turns out that Mr. Addicks will not control the election officers and it is not presumed that even he is foolish enough to pour out his money blindly. There are many unselfish Republicans who only suffer Addicks because they hope to win with him—if he cannot win, what then? Study the election figures.

Of the 11,478 Republican votes cast in New Castle county for Governor Marvil, the Addicks Party cannot secure over 2000. It is true that at their last primaries without contest they reported that number cast but the report was made with the intention of influencing the National Committee to whom they appealed. At the nomination for Receiver of Taxes, Sheriff, &c, when they had a candidate and showed their strength in the county it was less than five hundred, and those figures were correct. In Sussex county there are from 1200 to 1500 Republicans who will not touch the Addicks ticket. Twenty per cent. of the Kent Republicans are of the same mind. Giving the other Republican vote in those counties to the Addicks Party and its total vote in the State would be about 8500. But without the lavish use of money that vote cannot be held and it is a question as to how much money Mr. Addicks will use merely to defeat the party for revenge. This vote may be sufficient to defeat the party though that is problematical. Thousands of Democrats will not support their ticket in the State, and the great majority of them will support the Republican ticket. The more that Republicans are united the more Democrats will vote with them. It behooves the earnest Republican to consider the situation, and not throw away this opportunity.

The election figures are interesting as indicating the probable result in November but let them be applied to the Addicks effort to change the State Committee. Under the present Republican arrangement of 169 delegates in a State Convention, New Castle county furnishes 58 per cent. of the total vote and has 45 per cent. of the delegates, a division by no means unjust to Kent and Sussex counties. By the arrangement of the Addicks Party at the convention on May 13th, Republicans of New Castle cast 58 per cent. of the vote and have 39 per cent. of the delegation, 78 to New Castle, 60 to Kent and 62 to Sussex. Mr. Addicks said that he wished it so because he could trust the voters of Kent and Sussex. This illustrates the Addicks methods. Let Republicans who desire to see the fair thing done study the figures as applicable to the vote and as the Addicks managers apply it to party representation. Of course if they are to be applied to the probable vote for the Addicks Party then Republicans have no criticism to make.

## POLITICAL PARAGRAPHS.

The District Convention to nominate Delegates to the Constitutional Convention will meet in Wilmington on Saturday, August 8th. The delegates will be elected at day's primaries.

A report from Rehoboth is to the effect that the Silverite Democrats have agreed to combine with Ex-Congressman Edward L. Martin, of Seaford, for governor and L. Irving Handy for Congress. This would mean to put John F. Salsbury in command and it has given the Bayard-Gray-Wolcott-Stockley folks a cold chill. Another prophet says Theodore F. Armstrong will be the nominee for governor and W. H. Boyce the candidate for Congress.

The picture of Peter J. Ford in all the Delaware weeklies seemed to carry consternation into the camp of his opponents in his own party, and some of them criticized the good taste of such campaigning. It is all right, however, and commendable. The people want to know for whom they are to vote at the primaries. Mr. Ford's friends confidently claim that he will have a large majority of the New Castle county delegates and that he will be nominated by the Democrats for governor.

## CANDIDATES NOTIFIED.

The notification of the nominees of the Georgetown Convention at the Young Men's Republican Club Rooms on Wednesday afternoon in Wilmington and the reception by the club in the evening were successful in every respect. The speech of State Chairman Browne was a model in patriotism and party enthusiasm and the acceptance by Candidate Houston in reply read like the speech of an old campaigner. It will add to his popularity with the Republicans who nominated him as the young standard bearer in the campaign. The speech of Mr. Bird in the formal notification of Mr. Higgins was full of life and point as are all coming from him. But few men can arouse "the boys" as can Mr. Bird and he puts them to work. The acceptance by Mr. Higgins was just such a speech as his warmest admirers expected of him. It should be read by every Delawarean as every citizen would be proud of John C. Higgins as Governor of the State, and without regard to party most men can approve of the greater part of what Mr. Higgins said since it refers to the progress and welfare of the State. He said:

"Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Committee: I am profoundly sensible of the compliment involved not only in the nomination of which you now officially advise me, but also in the kindly and considerate terms in which you have so gracefully conveyed it. The action of the convention came at the unexpected. I had no intimation of such a wish or purpose on the part of any one, much less had I sought to obtain it. You are good enough to say that it came as the spontaneous and united wish of that convention. Believing that it truly represented the people who sent it there, its voice is theirs, and I am constrained to accept it as a call to duty, and to one who dedicates to a worthy son of the noble state such a call is imperative."

"We are not without our political troubles and they place added obligations for such service. Delaware, with a population not much above that of Lancaster county, Pa., has two senators and a representative in Congress, state officers and three county organizations with all the officers that are appointed thereto—to say nothing of municipal affairs. Is it any wonder that Delawareans are politicians and that during election periods the political furnace sometimes gets heated, seven times hotter than its wont—so that those that are too near its flames or too zealous in their efforts become sacrifice to its destructive forces? The very embarrassment of our political riches thus becomes a dividing and weakening element in the conduct of political affairs; and times are when men take a decided stand for what they believe to be the welfare of their State."

"For love of country and to preserve the Union sons of Delaware freely and in large numbers gave their lives in our great civil war. Many to-day its lingering victims whose shortened lives are, we trust, made tolerable by the action of the republic whose life they helped to save. If so great a price was paid for national unity and to protect our liberties, what shall be done to preserve them? This is the supreme question that every good citizen is bound to answer. If he fails to do it in a manly and patriotic way our civilization is doomed. He may secure an office for a few years perhaps—but for that mess of pottage he will have exchanged the noblest birthright ever vouchsafed to man. What a heritage it is!"

"With a delightful climate, a well-drained, well-watered soil, fertile, easily cultivated, of a wide range of adaptability, congenial to many noble cities, with Wilmington and its superb industrial and commercial development; with charming towns, villages and hamlets to concentrate population, and consumption to the products of an agriculture that cannot any where be excelled for skill, intelligence and enterprise; with ocean, bay, river, creek and lake teeming with fish, fur and fowl, and where can Delaware be surpassed? Its population is spirited, intelligent, neighborly and industrious. Its school system, from the primary to the college is well developed and needs only an organizing hand to become the equal of any. Its churches are as numerous and as well supported, probably, as those of any population of similar size anywhere—and, I believe, when the history of this fine old state is written, a chapter will be devoted to the sacrifices that were made to carry on the work of religion and charity."

"Our people desire progress. As much possibly as any man in the State for the past ten years I have been thrown in intimate relation with the people of the whole state, and I know whereof I speak. They have given much of their time to the study of civil, social, economic and educational questions. They have for many years begged for a constitutional convention, which if sooner obtained might have prevented some of our present difficulties. They have had all the earnest yearning for a fitting and, therefore, free, honest, equal and unselfish administration of state affairs that comes to every one who for a moment considers its necessity. They knew there had been a drifting away from the purity and simplicity of our first estate and they did and want to return to it. They want to hand their birthright, unimpaired, to their children."

"Time after time campaigns have been fought upon such issues, and for a time expectation ran high, but in the main the people feel that political schemes have fared better than for the aspirations for a better administration of the laws and equality under them. Many are looking forward to 1896 as a year of the beginning of better things. The constitutional convention has come; the people are about to name their wisest and most trusted who shall prepare a fundamental law replete with all that our sister states have yet devised and approved together with what shall be original with themselves, and especially applicable to our condition."

"If, sir, we shall be so happy as to conduct the coming campaign upon broad principles, with a strong advocacy of these reforms—involving and invoking the aid of all good men—we may engage the confidence and assistance of those of whom I have been speaking. Parties are breaking up as in '90 and '91 party lines break like flames touches cord—so now our people are in deep concern for the future of our national government and party ties will no longer hold them. Fortunately the Republican party has for its leader a strong, equitable man; massive in his citizenship and all the characteristics that go to make up human nobility—and he stands upon a plain, just, conservative, patriotic and unequivocal platform. His competitor is comparatively young and untried. The nation has never given him its confidence. He is revolutionary in his tendencies, emotional, unrestrained and under influence and with affiliations probably more than tending to the anarchical. Partyship ends when such a choice only is given to the patriotic voter, and he must prefer the safer man. Let us then as far as we may

determine upon a campaign of accommodation and conservatism and strive to aid our nation and our state to achieve all that seems to be right and possible."

"In the years of organized effort for the elevation of ourselves and our fellow-citizens, of which I have already spoken, I have been thrown with fellow-workers in relations that precluded party politics. I have passed years of intercourse with some of the most valued of them without knowing to what party they belonged. To be in an atmosphere of effort thus exalted is one of the privileges of a life-time. From it one cannot step down into the traditional acrimony of a political contest. I am sure you will not require it of me. No one doubts my Republicanism, let no one expect of me any other than the even tenor of the way your nomination seems to have approved."

"I need not promise you, gentlemen of the committee, messengers of the people, who sent that convention to Georgetown, that if I am elected I will give the best efforts of my life to the faithful discharge of the duties of the chief executive office of my native state. It remains then, sir, only to say that I accept the high honor of this nomination with all of the obligation and duties it imposes, leaving the issue, under God, to the people of Delaware."

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"As a new woman," he said, "I suppose you will object to the wedding ring as a symbol of man's tyranny."  
"Of course I shall," she replied. "Under no circumstances would I consent to wear such a thing. It is not essential to a marriage and it stands for that is objectionable in the marriage relation."

"And on the same theory," he continued, "I suppose you will refuse to wear an engagement ring also."  
"Well, no," she answered slowly and thoughtfully. "That's a very different matter."  
"But, theoretically it"—  
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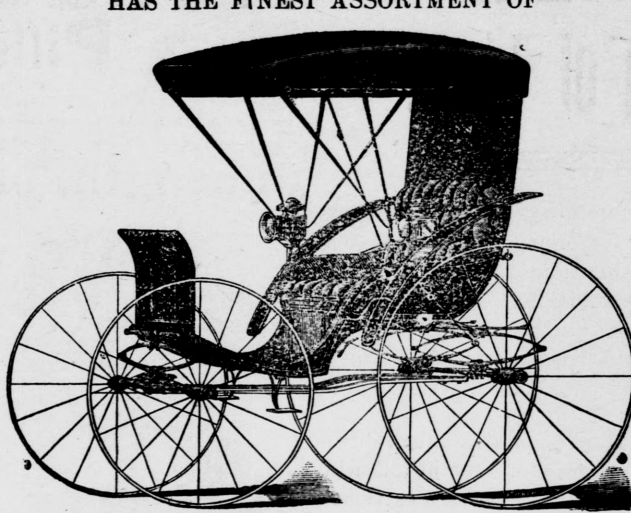
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—The crops of city cousins and Saratoga trunks is rather short this year, and a social quietude seems to reign hereabouts. But to be sure, August has only just come.

—One of the finest school catalogues issued in the world—and it will surprise you—is Goldsey's, describing his famous Commercial and Shorthand College in Wilmington. Just write for it.

—Frank Moore, the Single Tax advocate who was arrested in Dover last week and put in jail there was threatened with typhoid fever. The sheriff notified the Governor and procured his release.

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—The barn on the farm of Wesley Barnard near Kennel Square, Pa., on Monday night was struck by lightning and totally destroyed, together with its contents. The loss is estimated at \$2,500, covered by insurance.

—A free use of palatable fruit is essential in this hot season, but one must learn to distinguish between real ripe and over ripe fruit. Fruit in good condition never hurts anyone; it may be arranged in so many ways that a meal may be made of one or two varieties, helped out by rolls of fresh bread. Properly prepared vegetables are quite as excellent as fruit.

—Postmaster Moore took a day off on Thursday, and emulating his illustrious chief, Mr. Cleveland, went fishing at "The Rocks" below Odessa. He was accompanied by that other apostle of Isak Walton, Mr. Stephen Boyer and they enjoyed a rare day's pleasure with the dummy trout. Ex-Postmaster Cox was on deck at the post office in Mr. Moore's absence.

—The magnates will learn after a few weeks," said Cuppy, the Cleveland pitcher, "that it is impossible for any man to pitch a good ball and to keep his pivot foot tight on the ground. I can do it if any man in the League can, so the change will not hurt me any more than it hurt Cleveland. But the rule is foolish, and before long they will be glad to allow a pitcher to raise his foot as high as a ballet dancer."

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# PERSONALITIES

## Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

(If you have been away on a visit, or have visitors at your home send us the news we will gladly mention it to our readers. We are always pleased to publish any items of personal or local interest and cordially invite our patrons to furnish us the facts.)

—Miss Mary Dunning is visiting friends in Dover.

—Miss Blanche Messick is summing by the sea at Rehoboth.

—Master Harry Merrigew, of Philadelphia, is visiting at Mr. King's.

—Mrs. D. W. Elison spent several days this week with friends in town.

—Miss Julia Staats, of Townsend, spent the week with friends in town.

—Miss Emma Edwards spent Saturday last with friends in Wilmington.

—Miss Jessie Roach, of Wilmington, is visiting her grandmother in town.

—Miss Mary Bolton is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Barne, at Millington, Md.

—Messrs. Wm. G. Lockwood and Edward M. Vaughan spent Sunday at Masses' farm.

—Mrs. Lizzie Ransom has been very sick for the past two weeks and is still far from well.

—Mr. Cecil Lingo, of Philadelphia, is visiting his aunts, Misses Mary and Emma Merritt.

—Mrs. William H. Moore spent this week rusticiating at her brother-in-law's, near St. Georges.

—Miss Edna Meade, of Hanover, N. J. is the guest of Miss Alice Elison at Mt. Pleasant.

—Mr. Horace M. Walker, of New York, visited her mother, Mrs. Maria Walker on Wednesday.

—Miss Kate Moody, of State Road, is visiting at her uncle's, Mr. L. Darlington, on Green street.

—Miss Mary Elison has returned home from a visit to Mrs. Dr. and Edward Graves, at Marietta, Pa.

—Miss Elsie Higgins, of near Port Penn, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. McCleary, on East Lake street.

—Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Maxwell, of Wilmington, spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Armstrong.

—Miss Lizzie Lattomus, of Philadelphia, is visiting the family of William A. Scott, on East Main street.

—Mr. and Mrs. James A. Griffith, of Philadelphia, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Prettyman.

—Miss Sallie Jolls is making a second visit to Rehoboth, having returned to that haven by the sea on Wednesday.

—Mr. Horton Hayes, who was the guest of his cousins Edgar and Earnest Johnson, has returned to Wilmington.

—Miss Bertha Williams, of Odessa, was the guest of Mrs. J. H. Mendinall at the National Hotel on Wednesday.

—Rev. Elmer E. Jones, of Cecilton, who recently was graduated at Carlisle, will fill the M. E. pulpit at Clayton to-morrow.

—Mrs. Martha Barnard and daughters, Misses Annie and Hattie Barnard, of Cheswood are guests of Mr. Louis M. Barnard.

—Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Garrison, of near Cheswood, spent Sunday in town with their brothers, Dr. W. E. and Louis M. Barnard.

—Mr. William Hall, of the Williamson Schools, Media, Pa., is spending the vacation weeks with his mother, Mrs. Mary Hall.

—Miss Lizzie Lockwood is spending the week at her aunt's, Mrs. Lydia A. Price who suffered a slight stroke of paralysis on Monday.

—Mr. A. H. Reynolds, who has been in Elkton for several weeks, returned to Middletown on Monday for the remainder of the summer.

—Mrs. James Rothwell, of Philadelphia, is expected to-day, at her sisters, Misses Beaton, for a summer visit of several weeks.

—Miss Annie Lynch will start for Mountain Lake Park on Monday for a three weeks' visit. Miss Lizzie Middletown will accompany her.

—Miss Mary Ashton Pool and Miss Carrie Evans have returned from a two-weeks' sojourn at Ocean Grove. They were guests at the Spray View.

—Miss Stella Sudyman accompanied her friend, Miss Marion Tucker, home to make a motor excursion and will spend several weeks at the State Capital.

—Mr. Victor Green, who is suffering with pulmonary trouble, left for Denver, Col., this week and is hopeful of a speedy recovery in that health-giving climate.

—Misses Mamie Hayes and Bertha Edwards, of the TRANSCRIPT office, were among the forty-seven excursionists to near here Ocean City, Thursday.

—Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Lippincott have returned home from Penn. Mar., much improved in health by their month's sojourn among the Blue Ridge Mountains.

—Mrs. J. F. Collins and three children, of Cheswood, spent several days this week in town, guests of her brothers, Dr. W. E. Barnard and Mr. Louis M. Barnard.

—Mrs. George W. Lockwood and daughter, Miss Blanche Lockwood are enjoying the sea breezes at Rehoboth. Mr. Lockwood and Miss Julia spent the day with them on Thursday.

—Miss Jessie Hukill has returned home from McKeesport, Pa. where she is engaged in kindergarten work, and is spending the summer vacation at her father's, Mr. G. E. Hukill, in town.

—Mrs. W. B. Tharp spent several days this week with old friends here being leaving for Kentucky where she expects to join her husband in two weeks, the Prof. having already gone to his new post in the "blue grass state."

—Miss Elizabeth R. Hall, accompanied by her aunt, Miss Tillie Murphy, of Philadelphia, has gone to Aurora, W. Va., for the month of August. Rev. W. C. Alexander, D. D. and wife, of Washington, D. C., formerly of Middletown, are also summing at this same popular resort.

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Rib Roast,	12 1/2 Cents
Chuck Roast,	6 to 8 "
Bump Roast,	10 "
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Pin Bone Roast,	10 "
STEAK:	
Extra Steak,	- 3 for 25 Cents
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PORK:	
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